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Statement submitted by International Alliance of Women - Equal Rights, Equal Responsibilities, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I; Anglican Consultative Council, Arab Lawyers Union, International Association against Torture, International Council of Jewish Women, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Federation of Methodist Women and World Young Women's Christian Association, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category II; and World Alliance of Reformed Churches and World Peace Council, non-governmental organizations on the Roster

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 23 and 24 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) of 23 May 1968.

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The above-mentioned non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council have become aware only today (4 February 1993) of document E/1993/12 (dated 29 January 1993) entitled "Rules of procedure of the Commission on Sustainable Development". We are particularly concerned with regard to the section entitled "Representation of and consultation with non-governmental organizations (rules 75 and 76)".

We consider that the proposals contained in the document curtail the rights of non-governmental organizations guaranteed by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1296 (XLIV) and rules and practices of commissions of the Council.

In order to give non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council time to make their views known to the members of the Council on such an important matter as arrangements concerning representation of and consultation with non-governmental organizations by a commission of the Council, we urge that any decisions on the proposed rules of procedure be postponed to the resumed organizational session for 1993, on 29 and 30 April.